

## POOR FIDDLER ONCE, NOW MOST LAVISH OF HOSTS

Louis Lombard, Who Has the  
Midas Touch, Gives a  
Dinner at Waldorf.

PROF. FERRERO A GUEST.

From Saloon Musician Lombard Has Become Known  
Throughout the World.

Louis Lombard, who gave a dinner in honor of Prof. Ferrero, the Italian scientist, to one hundred guests at the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday night, is said to be the most lavish entertainer in the world. The guests at his entertainments—whether they are given in New York, in Europe, in Asia or in Africa—include the cream of the intellectual, artistic and business circles of the community in which he happens to be sojourning.

He is an American citizen by adoption, but an enthusiast. Some of his time every year is spent at the Waldorf-Astoria and at other places dear to him and his wife in this country. He is in evidence every afternoon now in the lobby and restaurants of the Waldorf, a little slip of a man with a head of foreign cut, a bundle of nerves, energy and affability, conspicuous by his preference for waistcoats of an amazingly vivid scarlet hue.

Known the World Over.

Thirty years ago Louis Lombard was as poor as the hopeful, dark-skinned Neapolitan who pumps a grind organ under your window. To-day he is the master of many millions of dollars. He knows everybody worth knowing in the world. He is at home in New York, in Paris, in London, in Rome, in Tokio, in Hong Kong, in St. Petersburg, in Dublin, in Chicago, in Cairo or in Copenhagen.

Near Laguna, Switzerland, tourists in passing saw a great American flag flapping from a towering mast, raised in a garden in front of a magnificent castle—the Castle of Trevano. This is the summer home of Louis Lombard, where he dispenses hospitality with a disregard of expense such as distinguished the entertainments of Roman nobles of centuries ago. There is no domicile on the globe like the Castle Trevano.

Has Touch of Midas.

It is said of him that since his first venture in a business he has never lost a dollar. He has the Midas touch. For him financial hopes, watered by Lombard money, blossom and bloom into dividend-producers. However, he does not depend upon his luck, but exerts his business acumen in looking after his extensive investments.

Born in Lyons, France, in 1861, Lombard came to New York at the age of fourteen. He had already received a musical education in the Marseilles Conservatory and was a master on the violin. He joined the orchestra of a traveling show which stranded in Utica and there he remained for some time. There were some bitter days for the young immigrant in Utica. He played his violin in the back rooms of saloons and passed the hat. Then he secured a position in an orchestra and, shortly, he had an orchestra of his own—Lombard's orchestra—which furnished music at the ball of the Exempt Firemen's Association and on similar occasions.

Rich Men Back Him.

Wealthy music lovers of Utica became interested in the young man and backed him in his desire to start a conservatory of music. In connection with this he published a monthly paper. He was quite successful, and in 1886 sold his conservatory for \$30,000.

With this money he went into the stock market. He doubled his fortune in one deal. Then he doubled it again. He wrote to the World offering to bet \$10,000 to \$5,000 that McKinley would defeat "the abolitionist" Bryan. He had

## Former Poor Fiddler, Now Lavish Entertainer, His Children, and Some Views of His Castle



LOUIS LOMBARD.

so much confidence in his judgment of conditions politically that he made a coupe on the stock market as a result of the election and went on a tour of the world.

In 1889 he married a widow, Mrs. Charles Atwater, the daughter of Congressman "Tom" Allen, a St. Louis railroad magnate. Mrs. Atwater had a fortune of \$200,000 and three children. She has had five children by her marriage to Mr. Lombard.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Lombard bought the Castle Trevano, which was built by Baron von der Weiss, a Russian composer, at an expense of \$2,400,000. It was designed by Botta, the architect of the Czar Alexander, and decorated by Vela, the sculptor. The grounds comprise seventy-eight acres and the castle possesses the finest Pompeian antrium in Southern Europe, with sixty marble columns and 600 crystal colonettes.

Conducts Own Orchestra.

Mr. Lombard found a magnificent concert hall connected with the castle. He built, in addition, a fully equipped theatre. In the summer season he maintains a resident orchestra of seventy-two pieces, the membership of which is recruited from the best musicians in Europe. This orchestra he conducts himself.

The greatest singers, composers, musicians and actors in the world have appeared at the Castle Trevano for the entertainment of Mr. Lombard's guests. Through the artistic world the place is known as "the castle of music." Concerts are given there every summer for charitable objects. Mr. Lombard donating theatre and orchestra and paying all other expenses.

With That of Andrew Carnegie

Her Personal Assessment

Is Put at \$5,000,000

This being the second Monday of January, the tax books of the city were opened according to law. These books show the assessed valuation of real and personal estate and will remain open until March 31. In that interim period against the assessed valuations by the Commissioners will be heard.

The Commissioners have not yet figured out the actual value of New York City's real estate. The figure was \$3,722,000,000 last year. This year, it is President Purdy's belief that the figures will be from \$3,800,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000. This estimate does not include the special franchises.

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## HIS HOME ABLAZE, POLICE DRAG HIM AWAY PRISONER

Lowenthal Kept Outside Fire  
Lines While Daughters  
Are in Peril.

In all his life before Lewis Lowenthal never had so much excitement as was compressed into one crowded hour to-day. Lewis is in the picture frame business at No. 88 Fifth street, and lives at No. 740 Sixth street. This is what happened to Lowenthal and his family:

His flat was destroyed by fire.

His daughters, Gertrude and Bella, were carried out unconscious.

He was arrested with his son, Felix, for trying to get through the fire lines.

Three policemen treated him with considerable rudeness in taking him to the station house.

He was arraigned in a Magistrate's court and discharged.

The Lowenthal girls were at a ball last night. They are motherless and keep house for their father and brother. After preparing breakfast for the men to-day they went back to bed.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Morris Samowitz, a butcher, at No. 742 Sixth street, saw smoke belching from the front windows of the Lowenthal flat next door. He ran up, kicked in the door and carried out the two girls, who had fainted from fright and the effects of the smoke. They were cared for at the office of Dr. Scribner on the ground floor.

The firemen were on the scene in a hurry and policemen from Union Market station soon formed fire lines. In the meantime some one had informed Lowenthal and his son of the fire.

They closed their store and started for home on the run. At Lewis and Sixth streets they encountered Policeman Thomas Riley, who was part of the fire line. Riley stopped them.

In their excitement they did not make themselves completely intelligible to Riley, who refused to let them through. Riley says the elder Lowenthal split in his face and kicked at him. This brought on a row, in which two other policemen joined. The Lowenthals battled valiantly to get to their burning home, but were dragged to the police station.

Fortunately the daughters of Lowenthal escaped injury. They lost all their clothes, though, and were dressed in borrowed raiment when their father and brother reached the ruins of their home.

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## MARLBOROUGH DUCHESS, WOMAN OF ROMANCE, DEAD

Beautiful New Yorker Had  
Three Husbands and Married  
Two English Titles.

DORKING, England, Jan. 11.—Lillian, the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, and also the widow of Lord William Bessborough, died here to-day. She had been ill for many weeks and the end was not unexpected. She was a daughter of the late Commodore Cicero Price, U. S. N., and first became known to international society as "the beautiful Mrs. Louis Hamersley, of New York."

It was in the spring of 1880 that Louis C. Hamersley glimpsed Lily Price on Pennsylvania avenue, Washington. She was on a brief visit to the capital city. Hamersley learned who she was and obtained an introduction. He was the son of Andrew Gordon Hamersley, noted for his eccentricity and great wealth.

The son, Louis, was not particularly strong minded or bright. He had managed, however, to be graduated from Oxford, thanks to the pains of a retinue of tutors. After his marriage to the stunning Miss Price he became known as "the husband" of the "Beautiful Mrs. Hamersley."

The elder Hamersley died in 1883, leaving \$7,000,000 to his son. Shortly afterward the son died. He left the income of his great fortune to his widow for life. On her death the will directed that the principal be paid to the male issue of James Hooker Hamersley, a cousin of the testator and at that time a bachelor. But he soon married Miss Margaret Chisholm, her seventeen-year-old son, Louis Gordon Hamersley, will now come into all the Hamersley millions, whose income Lady Bessborough has enjoyed.

Upon the death of her husband Mrs. Hamersley went abroad and lived in London for two years. There she met George Charles Spencer Churchill, eighth Duke of Marlborough. He was forty-three years old at the time, but in early life had been involved in innumerable scandals.

His divorce had been in force five years when the Duke, having in the meantime succeeded to the titles and estates, came to New York and married Mrs. Hamersley. They were married on June 29, 1888, at the New York

City Hall by Mayor Hewitt. Later a religious ceremony was performed by the late Bishop Potter at the Hamersley town house, at No. 255 Fifth avenue.

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## TURKEY REJECTS AUSTRIA'S BALKAN SETTLEMENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 11.—It is reported here that the Council of Ministers has decided to reject the offer of Austria to pay Turkey 250,000 pounds Turkish (\$1,800,000) as indemnity for the annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The movement in the store at this moment is active evidence that you heeded our advice.

There is life and snap at the various points we emphasized—vigorous buying proceeds.

Those who couldn't come to-day should be sure to visit the store to-morrow, as the interest will be sustained.

Practically all the great values advertised for Monday will be on sale Tuesday and Wednesday.

Quantities involved in many of the lines are so large that it is a physical impossibility for them to be exhausted in one day.

No matter how fast and furious the trading may be, depletion will hardly mark the specials in the Underpriced Dress Goods, Silks, Laces, Embroideries, Fancy Linons, Ribbons, Trimmings, Furs and Shirts until the end of the week.

In addition to the advertised items there are hundreds of others that we dare not advertise because the quantities are limited. You will find these on the tables and counters punctuated by the following placard:

"Many of Our Best Values Are Not Advertised."

Macy's—more than any other store—makes the market. Each day brings fresh currents of merchandise. The people know it. That's why the crowds flow through the aisles supplying personal and domestic needs—staples and novelties—are big and ceaseless.

R. H. Macy & Co.

What Postum has done for thousands in health-profit it will do for you.

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